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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - December 11, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that John Gordon Mastro pled guilty in federal court in San Diego, California to a two-count indictment charging him with bank robbery. Mastro entered his guilty plea before Magistrate Judge Jan M. Adler, subject to final acceptance of the plea by United States District Court Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz, at the time of sentencing.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Dale Blankenship, who is prosecuting the case, Mastro admitted to robbing Citibank, N.A., at 2995 Clairemont Drive, San Diego, California, on August 20, 2007, and obtaining \$3,448.00. Mastro also admitted to robbing Washington Mutual Bank at 6116 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, California, on August 22, 2007, and obtaining \$3,776. Mastro was apprehended by the San Diego Police Department shortly after he left the Washington Mutual Bank.

A sentencing hearing for Mastro is scheduled for March 7, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., before United States District Judge Barry T. Moskowitz.

U.S. Attorney Karen Hewitt praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the San Diego Police Department in bringing this case to a successful conclusion.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07cr2460-BTM

John Gordon Mastro

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) (Bank Robbery)

Penalties: Maximum twenty years' imprisonment. Maximum \$250,000 fine.

AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation

San Diego Police Department